

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawings include changes to FIGS. 2 and 6, new FIG. 7, and changes to the sheets containing FIGS. 1, 3A and 3B, 3C and 3D, 4, and 5.

Applicants respectfully submit that the headers of the sheets containing FIGS. 1, 3A and 3B, 3C and 3D, 4, and 5 have been changed to remove the reference to the number of drawings, e.g., "1/7."

Applicants respectfully submit that the changes to FIGS. 2 and 6, and new FIG. 7 are responsive to the Drawings Objection, and to the helpful suggestions of the Examiner in the December 8, 2006 interview.

The sheet containing FIG. 2 replaces the original sheet including FIG. 2. In FIG. 2, the circled section has been enlarged and inset.

The sheet containing FIG. 6 replaces the original sheet including FIG. 6. In FIG. 6, the drawing has been enlarged.

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 9, 18, 21, 23, and 24 are the independent claims. Claims 1-8, and 18-25 have been withdrawn.

Initially, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 12-16 recite patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have respectfully maintained these claims in dependent form because it is believed, for at least the reasons set forth herein, that their respective base claims patentably define over the citations of record.

In the Response to Restriction Requirement filed August 3, 2006, Applicants provisionally elected Group II, claims 9-17, and also timely traversed the Restriction Requirement for the reasons set forth therein. Applicants respectfully note that the outstanding Office Action did not rebut or even address the timely traversal of the Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder and examination of withdrawn claims 1-8, and 18-25.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) as including reference characters 93 and 94, which were not mentioned in the description. The drawings also stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as failing to show a detailed description of some of the features of the invention.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful suggestions set forth during the December 8, 2006 interview, during which the Examiner suggested an inset drawing within FIG. 2 illustrating the relationship between flat spring 70 and moving block 60, enlarging FIG. 6, and new FIG. 7, illustrating the relationship among spiral spring 90, guiding bracket 95, guiding shaft 91, and moving block 60. It is believed that no new matter is being submitted. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the Specification and the drawings overcome the outstanding objections.

Claims 9, 10, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,905,099 (hereinafter Sung). Additionally, claims 9, 10, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sung. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit herewith a verified translation of the priority document,

thereby perfecting Applicants' claim to priority.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Sung, which has a U.S. filing date of July 22, 2003, no longer qualifies as prior art under any section of 35 U.S.C. §102.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the §§102 and 103 rejections are overcome.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. But if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

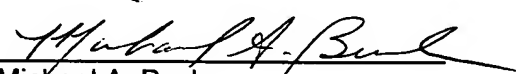
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Respectfully submitted,

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